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SUBJECT: PANAMANIAN MEAT EXPORTS

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM THE GOP A LISTING OF SHIPMENTS OF DEBONED AUSTRALIAN MEAT REEXPORTED TO THE US FROM PANAMA. LIST PROVIDES INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PAR A(2) OF REFTEL, WITH EXCEPTION OF IDENTITY OF VESSEL TRANSPORTING EACH SHIPMENT. ACCORDING TO THE LISTING, 1.95 MILLION LBS. OF AUSTRALIAN MEAT WERE RE-EXPORTED UNDER PANAMA'S PROPOSED 1976 VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT PROGRAM (VRP) ALLOCATION.

2. WE HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE USEFULNESS OF THESE FIGURES IN ATTEMPTING TO SUBTRACT AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN MEAT CHARGED TO PANAMA. OFFICIAL STATISTICS FROM THE PRICE CONTROL OFFICE INDICATE THAT 1,907,368 LBS. OF PANAMANIAN BEEF HAVE BEEN EXPORTED TO THE US IN 1976 - ALL SUBJECT TO THE VRP. AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE AND EMBASSY OFFICER HAVE INFORMALLY VERIFIED THESE FIGURES AND VIEW THEM AS REPRESENTING AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF ACTUAL MEAT EXPORTS OF PANAMANIAN ORIGIN TO THE US THROUGH MAY 31.

REMAINDER OF PANAMA'S 3.5 MILLION LBS. OF MEAT EXPORTS SUBJECT TO THE VRP WERE AUSTRALIAN BEEF. THUS THE AMOUNT OF AUSTRALIAN MEAT CHARGED TO PANAMA'S 1976 VRP ALLOCATION
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WOULD BE 1.6 MILLION LBS. VICE THE 1.95 MILLION LISTED BY

THE GOP.

3. LISTING OF AUSTRALIAN MEAT SHIPMENTS AND OFFICE OF PRICE
CONTROL FIGURES ARE BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY. EMBASSY
REQUESTS TIMELY DECISION ON STATUS OF PANAMA'S VRP ALLOCATION,
SINCE WE HOPE TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT ON 1976 VRP WITH GOP
NEXT WEEK.

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